



Oregon ITE

Board Meeting Notes

Date: 05/28/09

Attendees

Board Members:

Present	Pam O'Brien, Past-President
Absent	Todd Mobley, President
Present	Bikram Raghubansh, Vice-President
Present	Chris Tiesler, Secretary-Treasurer

Committee Chairs:

	Publicity and Special Events: <i>Vacant</i>
Absent	Membership: Lani Tribbett
Absent	Scribe: River Hwang
Present	Technical: Dick Raub
Absent	Student Chapters: Diego Arguea
Absent	Traffic Control Devices: Charles Radosta
Absent	Legislative: Kevin Haas
Present	Webmaster: Michael Tomasini

Others in Attendance: Evan Dust, Secretary-Treasurer-elect
Jon Makler, Oregon Transportation Research and Education Consortium

Notes by: Michael Tomasini, Evan Dust

Agenda:

1. Introductions and Confirmation of Agenda
2. OTREC (Oregon Transportation Research and Education Consortium)
3. 2009-2010 Program Meeting Topics
4. Other Discussion

Introductions and Confirmation of Agenda

Introductions were made and the agenda was confirmed after prioritizing the OTREC agenda item first.

OTREC

Jon Makler, Oregon Transportation Research and Education Consortium (OTREC) attended the board meeting to discuss Oregon ITE's possible participation in a fall event. OTREC involves academics from University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Oregon Institute of Technology and Portland State

University. OTREC has awarded \$2M in research grants.

Jon noted that OTREC was planning a September 11th consortium meeting at Smith Hall, Portland State University. The structure of the meeting was not set but would generally run from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm followed by a reception. The purpose of the consortium meeting is to connect Planners with Engineers and to help the practitioners of transportation planning/engineering define the research needs of the industry. Possible topics for sessions include:

- The Highway Safety Manual
- Roundabouts
- TISMO
- Bike Boxes

OTREC is seeking some level of sponsorship from Oregon ITE so that the costs of the event are covered with the sponsorship and attendance fee of \$100 per person. OTREC is expecting approximately 75 people to attend the consortium meeting. OTREC is open to corporate sponsorship as well – particularly for the social networking elements of the meeting (coffee, reception, etc.).

The Oregon ITE Board was in agreement that it was worthwhile planning for sponsorship of this event. Jon noted that Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) was already a sponsoring organization. In response to a request for a point of contact, Chris Tiesler volunteered to serve in that role. Jon noted that Jason Franklin of Parametrix representing WTS was meeting with him on June 8th at 4 pm and that Chris should participate in that meeting. Jon noted that OTREC was hoping to send out invitations in July.

Jon excused himself from the meeting at this point.

2009-2010 Program Meeting Topics

The members in attendance discussed the schedule of meetings for the 2009-2010 year.

September 2009

Besides the possible co-sponsorship of the OTREC meeting, September 18th is the date for the ITE Golf Tournament. Sponsorships are being lined up to reduce the cost to Oregon ITE and the membership so that lunch and prize costs are covered.

One possible activity in September could be a charity raffle to benefit Bill Kloos, the City of Portland traffic engineer, who has contracted cancer. There will be an outreach to Bill to make sure that he is comfortable with the idea; Randy McCourt was nominated for that outreach to Bill.

October 2009

The October meeting is the IMSA Traffic Day which could be a joint meeting with Greater Oregon ITE.

November 2009

The November meeting has been traditionally the "Traffic Bowl." This annual event is usually held the

Thursday prior to Thanksgiving Day.

January 2010

The January meeting is usually the technical meeting. Dick Raub noted that the plan is to focus on roundabouts at the technical meeting.

March 2010

There was some discussion about whether there should be either a February meeting or a March meeting. A possible March meeting could be a tour of the Clackamas County Traffic Management Operation Center (TMOC).

April 2010

The April meeting is traditionally the joint meeting with Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS).

May 2010

The May meeting may be the joint Oregon Traffic Control Devices Committee (OTCDC) meeting. Another topic for the meeting could be a follow-up on VMT Pilot Project.

Other Discussion

The Board discussed how to reach a potential resolution with the Greater Oregon ITE Section (with no recorded resolution).

Pam noted that River Hwang had resigned from her position as section Scribe. Chris and Pam indicated that they knew members who may want to volunteer for the position.

Pam noted that she had received an electronic survey from WTS about the programs members would like WTS to offer. She thought it would be a good idea to use an electronic survey of Oregon ITE members to collect program ideas/recommendations and to assess how many "border" members (Greater Oregon ITE Section members in Salem area) would prefer membership in Oregon ITE or some form of dual membership. **ACTION: Pam will investigate use of Survey Monkey.**

Bikram suggested that we pursue electronic voting for the Board elections. Bikram noted that the Colorado/Wyoming section uses electronic voting. There is considerable effort in addressing and mailing out the ballots to members. The electronic voting uses Member ID as the "signature."